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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, NPIC

FROM:

Chief, Imagery Analysis Division, CIA

SUBJECT:

Comments on Counterinsurgency Surveillance--Comments on

the Utility of Mobile Sensory Techniques (U)

Per your request listed below are the comments made by two PI's in IAD on the subject document:

A fairly good assessment of the use of aerial photography against insurgent operations. I have serious reservations regarding the value of visual observation although. When considering U.S. pilot reports on bomb damage assessment over North Vietnam and reports of trucking activity in the Laos Panhandle (both of which are, in part, unconfirmable on low-level photography) I believe that the authors may have been too kind.

Article discusses pros and cons of various techniques used to detect counterinsurgency. Interesting, but of no direct value to us. Gives aerial recce a few favorable comments.

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